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AFM to Sponsor Big Inaugural Concert; Pettilio Named to Music Chairmanship

Washington.—The AFL's American Federation of Musicians will sponsor a gala concert in the city of Philadelphia on January 20. This was made known with the announcement that James A. Pettilio, a prominent Philadelphia musician and conductor, has been named to the chairmanship of the inaugural concert. Pettilio, who has been active in the musical world for many years, is a well-known figure in the Philadelphia area. He has conducted many orchestras and has been a member of the Philadelphia Orchestra. The concert is expected to be a major event in the city's cultural calendar.

President Truman met the day following the election, Mr. Pettilio offered to help "make your inauguration a day of harmony in music as it will make it one in our nation's history." It was the offer that the inaugural committee accepted by suggesting the musician's union sponsor the gala concert on January 13. The affair will be held in the large National Guard Armory here which is now converted into a temporary concert hall. The program will be a musical extravaganza of stage, screen and radio. The performers in all cases will be donated, he said. Pettilio will also be in charge of a radio broadcast of the concert. The affair of our federation is a great festival, as well as the celebration of the inauguration of a great President. Harry S. Truman has earned all of Americans, will be a great day in the nation's history. The American Federation of Musicians is the largest of its kind in the world. It is a congratulatory message to the nation.

Moscow Radio Blast at AFL Betrays Concern of Commies

Washington.—The effectiveness of the vigorous stand against Communist aggression by the American Federation of Labor and its activities in behalf of the Russian people have been betrayed, according to a Moscow radio broadcast. The broadcast, which was made on the radio, stated that the American Federation of Labor was a tool of the American government and that it was a part of the American imperialist system. The broadcast also stated that the American Federation of Labor was a tool of the American government and that it was a part of the American imperialist system. The broadcast also stated that the American Federation of Labor was a tool of the American government and that it was a part of the American imperialist system.

That the Communists are stung by AFL tactics is evident in their renewed attacks along the grounds from Moscow. The Russian radio has been attacking the American Federation of Labor for its activities in behalf of the Russian people. The Russian radio has been attacking the American Federation of Labor for its activities in behalf of the Russian people. The Russian radio has been attacking the American Federation of Labor for its activities in behalf of the Russian people. The Russian radio has been attacking the American Federation of Labor for its activities in behalf of the Russian people. The Russian radio has been attacking the American Federation of Labor for its activities in behalf of the Russian people.



California Presidential Vote Showed Value of Labor's Political Support

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\$15,000 GIVEN LIFE BOATMAKERS

Cincinnati.—Charles A. H. Green, president of the AFL's International Brotherhood of Shipbuilders, has announced that he has given \$15,000 to the life boatmakers of the Cincinnati area. The money was given to the life boatmakers to help them with their work. The life boatmakers are a group of workers who build life boats for the Navy. They are a very important group of workers, and their work is very dangerous. The money was given to the life boatmakers to help them with their work. The life boatmakers are a group of workers who build life boats for the Navy. They are a very important group of workers, and their work is very dangerous. The money was given to the life boatmakers to help them with their work.

Housing Starts Drop During October; Employment, Construction Value Down

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Mediator Settles AFL Pilots' Strike

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Organized Labor Shares In N. Y. City Drive on VD

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IBEW Wins Presidential Election; 16,000 WE Employees Vote For AFL

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BLS Retail Price Index Shows Slight Decline

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STATE AFL POLITICAL ARM CONTINUES PERMANENTLY

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HUSBANDS' CLOTHING BILL GREATER THAN WIVES'

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FORBIDS US MINIMUM WAGE TO US CONTRACT WORK

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OCCUPATIONAL JOBLESSNESS DOWN 3% IN N. Y. STATE

New York.—Registered unemployment in New York state has dropped 3 percent from the previous month. The registered unemployment rate is now 3.5 percent. The registered unemployment rate is now 3.5 percent. The registered unemployment rate is now 3.5 percent. The registered unemployment rate is now 3.5 percent.

HIGH COURT SUSTAINS LAW ON PORTAL PAY

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CONTRACTOR TELEPHONES TESTIMONY AGREEMENT

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FACTORY WAGES REACH RECORD HIGH IN OCTOBER

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PRODUCTIVITY IN U. S. OUTSTRIPS ENGLAND

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Nonfarm Labor Set at Record 46,000,000, Some Industries Report Slight Decline

Washington—Nonfarm employment reached a new record level nearly 46,000,000 as a result of the seasonal increase in demand for labor during the holiday season, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, reported today. The increase in demand was reflected in the fact that the number of nonfarm workers was up 100,000 from the same time last year. The increase in demand was also reflected in the fact that the number of nonfarm workers was up 100,000 from the same time last year. The increase in demand was also reflected in the fact that the number of nonfarm workers was up 100,000 from the same time last year.

Repeal of Taft-Hartley Law Vital to Real Bargaining, Prominent Mediator Says

New York—Condemning the Taft-Hartley law as an interference with the right of workers to organize and bargain collectively, a prominent labor mediator today called for its repeal. He said that the law was a "barrier to real bargaining" and that it was "a hindrance to the development of labor relations." He said that the law was a "barrier to real bargaining" and that it was "a hindrance to the development of labor relations." He said that the law was a "barrier to real bargaining" and that it was "a hindrance to the development of labor relations."

Tobin Hits State Labor Laws; Says Many Worse Than T-H

Repeal of T-H Law, State Antilabor Acts Urged By Labor Legislation Conference

Washington—The 10th National Conference on Labor Legislation, which opened today in Washington, D. C., has elected a committee to study the repeal of the Taft-Hartley law. The committee will be made up of representatives of labor, management, and the government. The committee will be asked to report on the repeal of the law by January 1, 1949. The committee will also be asked to study the state labor laws and to report on them by February 1, 1949.

Court To Define Exemption Of Farm Labor Under FLSA

San Francisco—Clarification of agricultural exemptions under the Fair Labor Standards Act (federal wage and hour law) is being sought through the legal mind of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in a decision expected to be handed down early in 1949.

Union Members Send Aid to French Children

Detroit—AFL members here have pledged to provide a bit of Christmas cheer for the children of anti-communists in France. The members have pledged to provide a bit of Christmas cheer for the children of anti-communists in France. The members have pledged to provide a bit of Christmas cheer for the children of anti-communists in France.

Industrial Production Sets New Record; October Level Tops Previous 7 Months

Washington—Output of the nation's industrial establishments rose 1.1 percent in October, according to the Federal Reserve Board, setting a new record for the month. The increase was the largest since the war.

Republic Steel, 19 Other Firms Charged With New Violation of Antitrust Laws

Cleveland—The big guns of the Justice Department's antitrust division were trained on the steel industry today, as the department charged 19 other firms with new violations of antitrust laws. The charges were brought in federal court here, charging the firms with conspiring to fix prices and rig bids.

Ineffective Law Blamed In Death of 2 Children

Washington—Two years after the employment of child labor in a federal office, unscrupulous employers are still employing children. The children were killed in a fire at the Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis. The fire was caused by a short circuit in the wiring of the building.

Complexity of Taft-Hartley Law Shown In Conflicting Views of NLRB Examiners

Washington—Total examination of the National Labor Relations Act by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) is now in progress. The board is examining the law to see if it is being properly enforced. The board is also examining the law to see if it is being properly enforced.

Longer Working Hours, AFL Trade Unions Complete Study Course

Washington—The average factory worker in the United States now works 40.5 hours a week, according to a study made by the AFL-CIO. The study was made by the AFL-CIO. The study was made by the AFL-CIO.

TRUMAN SAYS LABOR HELPED IN REPRESSION

Washington—President Truman today said that labor helped in the repression of the Japanese in the Philippines. He said that labor helped in the repression of the Japanese in the Philippines. He said that labor helped in the repression of the Japanese in the Philippines.

AIR LINE PILOTS UNION PLAN NEW BUILDING

Chicago—Construction of a new headquarters building for the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) is well advanced, according to the organization's executive director. The building is being built in Chicago. The building is being built in Chicago.

JOBS FOR HANDICAPPED AT RECORD IN OCTOBER

Washington—Employers provided 10,000 new jobs for the physically handicapped in October, according to the Department of Labor. The jobs were provided by the Department of Labor. The jobs were provided by the Department of Labor.

PHILADELPHIA: AFL-INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MARITIME AND SHIPBUILDING

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